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S. 2611

To amend the Food Security Act of 1985 to repeal the environmental quality incentives program.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MARCH 22, 2018

Mr. LEE introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry

A BILL

To amend the Food Security Act of 1985 to repeal the environmental quality incentives program.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*
3 **SECTION 1. REPEAL OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY INCEN-**
4 **TIVES PROGRAM.**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—Chapter 4 of subtitle D of title
6 XII of the Food Security Act of 1985 (16 U.S.C. 3839aa
7 et seq.) is repealed.

8 (b) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—

9 (1) Section 1211(a)(3) of the Food Security
10 Act of 1985 (16 U.S.C. 3811(a)(3)) is amended—

(C) in subparagraph (A) (as so redesignated), by striking “any other provision of”.

9 (A) by striking subparagraph (A);

(B) by redesignating subparagraphs (B) through (D) as subparagraphs (A) through (C), respectively; and

(C) in subparagraph (A) (as so redesignated), by striking “any other provision of”.

19 (4) Section 1241 of the Food Security Act of
20 1985 (16 U.S.C. 3841) is amended—

21 (A) in subsection (a)—

22 (i) in the matter preceding paragraph
23 (1), by striking “(and fiscal year 2019 in
24 the case of the program specified in para-
25 graph (5))”; and

(ii) by striking paragraph (5);

(B) in subsection (b), by striking “(and fiscal year 2019 in the case of the program specified in subsection (a)(5))”;

5 (C) in subsection (h)—

(i) in paragraph (1), in the matter preceding subparagraph (A)—

(I) by striking "funds" and inserting "acres"; and

10 (II) by striking “to carry out the
11 environmental quality incentives pro-
12 gram and the acres made available for
13 each of such fiscal years”;

(ii) by striking paragraph (2); and

18 (D) in subsection (i)—

(i) by striking paragraph (2); and

20 (ii) by redesignating paragraphs (3)
21 through (6) as paragraphs (2) through (5),
22 respectively.

(5) Section 1244 of the Food Security Act of 1985 (16 U.S.C. 3844) is amended—

25 (A) in subsection (c)—

(i) in paragraph (1)(B), by adding “and” at the end;

(ii) in paragraph (2), by striking “;”

and” and inserting a period; and

(iii) by striking paragraph (3); and

(B) in subsection (l), by striking “D and environmental quality incentives program under chapter 4 of subtitle”.

(6) Section 1271A(1) of the Food Security Act

10 of 1985 (16 U.S.C. 3871a(1)) is amended—

(A) by striking subparagraph (B); and

(B) by redesignating subparagraphs (C) and (D) as subparagraphs (B) and (C), respectively.

1 of subtitle D of title XII of the Food Security Act
2 of 1985);” and inserting “Act):”.

3 (9) The last proviso of the matter under the
4 heading “CONSERVATION RESERVE PROGRAM” under
5 the heading “SOIL BANK PROGRAMS” of title I of
6 the Department of Agriculture and Farm Credit Ad-
7 ministration Appropriation Act, 1959 (7 U.S.C.
8 1831a), is amended by striking “(1) payments” and
9 all that follows through “or (2)”.

10 (10) Section 8(b) of the Soil Conservation and
11 Domestic Allotment Act (16 U.S.C. 590h(b)) is
12 amended by striking paragraph (1).

13 (11) Section 1271(c)(3)(C) of the Food, Agri-
14 culture, Conservation, and Trade Act of 1990 (16
15 U.S.C. 2106a(c)(3)(C)) is amended—

16 (A) by striking “section, the” and inserting
17 “section and the”; and

18 (B) by striking “(16 U.S.C. 2101 et seq.)”
19 and all that follows through “or other” and in-
20 serting “(16 U.S.C. 2101 et seq.) or any other
21 applicable”.

22 (12) Section 304 of the Lake Champlain Spe-
23 cial Designation Act of 1990 (33 U.S.C. 1270 note;
24 Public Law 101–596) is amended—

25 (A) by striking subsection (a);

4 (C) in subsection (c) (as so redesign-
5 nated)—

10 (ii) by striking “(b) and (c)” and in-
11 serting “(a) and (b)”.

